Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In the example shown, the fixing body 5 has a head 11 constituted in the form of a socket on a longitudinal axis y, with a cavity 12 formed therein centered on the longitudinal axis y. In a preferred embodiment, two diametrally-opposite side branches or walls 13 project from the fixing head 11 so as to define between them a reception channel 14 for receiving the bracing rod 3. The cavity 12 opens out into the channel 14 between the side branches 13, via an orifice 15 formed through the bottom 16 of the cavity 12. The reception channel 14 opens out on either side of the head 5 in a direction that is perpendicular to the diametral plane of symmetry containing the side branches 12. The reception channel 14 is preferably arranged in the top portion of the fixing head 11 so as to have a notch [[16]] 18 of semicircular profile to enable part of the bracing rod 3 to be received therein, such a rod conventially being of circular cross-section.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

It should be observed that the central bore 22 of the positioning ring 21 opens out via a through opening 27 into the second transverse face 25 so as to communicate with the orifice 15 formed in the head 11, thereby providing access for a screw-driving tool to the blind hole 9 in the anchor screw. The second transverse face 25 of the positioning ring 21 preferably presents a concave surface 28 complementary to the bracing rod 3. This concave surface 28 thus forms a kind of cradle continuing the notch [[16]] 18 so as to define a portion of the reception channel 14 for receiving the bracing rod 3. It should be observed that the concave face 28 lies automatically in line with the notches [[16]] 18 for receiving the bracing rod 3 given that the positioning ring 21 is guided in linear displacement along the longitudinal axis y.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

The invention relates to an implant for an osteosynthesis device, in particular for the spine, the implant ~~comprising~~ including a first assembly itself ~~comprising~~

including: a fixing body having a housing for receiving the head [[(7)]] of an anchor screw in such a manner as to define a ball joint; and a positioning ring [[(21)]]; and a second assembly itself ~~comprising~~ including a nut type system [[(33)]]. According to the invention: the first assembly [[(I)]] has a positioning ring [[(21)]] mounted in the fixing body; and the second assembly [[(II)]] has a nut type system [[(33)]], adapted, when tightened on the body, to bear against the bracing rod [[(3)]] and to cause the positioning ring [[(21)]] to move in linear displacement.